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GLENDALÉ PRESIDING JUDGE TO BE INDUCTED INTO MARICOPA BAR ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME *Arizona's Longest-Seated Judge Part of Generations of Attorneys*

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. – The Honorable Elizabeth Finn, Presiding Judge of Glendale City Court, will be inducted into the Maricopa County Bar Association's (MCBA) Hall of Fame. The formal induction will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at the MCBA's Annual Meeting Luncheon.

Judge Finn is one of three generations of attorneys. Her father, Herbert B. Finn – known for his civil rights work – is already an MCBA Hall of Fame inductee; her mother, Ruth G. Finn, graduated *summa cum laude* from the founding graduating class of the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State University in 1970. Judge Finn's sister, Alice Finn Gartell, and her son, Jesse Finn Turner, add to the family tradition.

Elizabeth Finn has been a judge for 36 years; she is Arizona's most senior judge. Her passion for prevention of domestic violence is evidenced by her involvement in a wide variety of projects. She has written and implemented hundreds of grants, including one that directed \$1.5 million in federal funds to coordinate multi-agency responses to domestic violence cases. Judge Finn is a founding member and Past Chair of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence; the primary author of the first Protective Order Benchbook; and a member of the O'Connor House Avon Project for Women and Justice.

Through her career, Judge Finn has also been instrumental in the creation of specialty courts, including Glendale's Mental Health Court, Domestic Violence Treatment Court, and Homeless Court. She was honored in 1998 as the Outstanding Limited Jurisdiction Judge in the nation by the American Bar Association; was named Outstanding Judge in Arizona by the Arizona Bar Association; and in 2000, was named one of the outstanding 100 Women and Minority Attorneys in Arizona. She has presented hundreds of conferences on behalf of Arizona's Supreme Court and State Bar in the areas of DUI, domestic violence, mental health, and gender and cultural diversity.

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Judge Finn said, “I have been very blessed in my judicial career to find my passions: teaching, domestic violence and mental health issues.” She added, “There is nothing more rewarding than seeing courts save the lives of victims and defendants. We, in the justice system, truly can make a difference.”

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